MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A *statement giving the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Division Commutation Committee appointed by Government have fixed the price of the articles in 1111?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That Committee did not meet in 1111.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know why?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is not obligatory to meet every year. The rates once fixed may remain in force for some time.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the period during which it will be in force?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It will be in force until revised.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether there is any period fixed by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No. As I said, under the law, the rates once fixed can remain in force until they are revised.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it not specifically stated in the rules that the prices once fixed will remain in force for two years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There is no such obligation. They may generally remain in force for two years.

Irrigation works in Pantalam.

409. ❋ MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received the copy of resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 passed at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Pantalam and the surrounding places held on 20-6-1111 and forwarded to Government on 9-7-1111 regarding the construction of certain urgent works by the Irrigation Department at Polachira and Panangattu *Punja* in Pantalam; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affiamative, the action taken thereon?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The resolutions have been forwarded to the Chief Engineer for report.

* Vide Appendix II.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the date on which the resolutions were forwarded to the Chief Engineer for report?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): In March this year.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government what action has been taken on the subject?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The resolutions have been sent to the Division Officer, Irrigation, for necessary action.

Road from Rajakkamangalam to Manakudi.

410. ❋ **MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps for the opening of a road from Rajakkamangalam to Manakudi?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): An estimate for the portion of the road from Rajakkamangalam to Eathamoli has been sanctioned and is awaiting execution for want of funds. The alignment of the road beyond up to Athikattuvila has been fixed and the remaining length to Manakudi has been ordered to be investigated.

PRESIDENT: I have to state, before the questions are over, that I find that two members who were absent at the time their names were called have since turned up. I must impress upon them the necessity for punctual attendance. Having given notice of questions and asked Government to waste time for the preparation of answers and getting them printed in the agenda for the day, if members do not turn up, I should think that it is not treating the House and the Chair decently. I hope that in future the members will take great care to be present when their questions are called. Otherwise, their questions will not be allowed to be answered at all.

I will call upon Mr. Kesavan Sastri to put his question.

Employees in the Medical Department.

411. ❋ **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of the employees in the lower ranks of the Medical Department?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Durbar Physician*):

Hindus.	1	Brahmins	...	7
	2	Nayars	...	247
	3	Other caste Hindus	...	16
	4	Kammalas	...	4
	5	Nadars	...	3
	6	Ezhavas	...	42
	7	Cheramars (Pulayas)	...	14
	8	Other Hindus	...	52

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